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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.115 & 1.142**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2002, further to a teleconference with the Examiner and in accordance with the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Applicants submit concurrently with this preliminary amendment and response to restriction requirement: (a) Exhibits A-C which set forth detailed changes to the specification and claims and provide a clean copy of the pending claims following entry of this amendment; and (b) a petition for extension of time with provision for the required fee.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

~~Please amend the specification as follows:~~

At page 1, lines 4-7 delete the paragraph:

--This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Nos. 60/175,047 filed January 7, 2000; 60/196,821 filed April 13,